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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US-THAI NEGOTIATIONS

1. US DEL IN MONDAY MORNING SESSION TABLED PRESCREENING PROPOSAL WHICH THAI DEL SAID DID NOT MEET THEIR REQUIREMENTS. AFTER INCONCLUSIVE DEBATE TWO DELS AGREED IMPASSE ON CAPACITY REACHED. THAI DEL SAID QUOTAS WERE CONSISTENT WITH AGREEMENT AND IF USG HAD PROBLEMS IT SHOULD HAVE REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS.

2. US DEL ALSO TABLED ROUTE PROPOSAL FOR THAILAND (US DOC. 3) IN ACCORDANCE CAB RECOMMENDATION I.E. SOUTH PACIFIC ROUTE INCLUDING GUAM AND TERMINATING IN PAGO PAGO. THAI DEL SAID ROUTE INOPERABLE AND REITERATED EARLIER PROPOSAL FOR SO CALLED "RECIPROCAL" ROUTE.

3. TWO DELS DISCUSSED POSSIBLE FOLLOW ON NEGOTIATIONS. THAI DEL ASKED IF US DEL COULD RETURN AFTER KUALA LUMPUR. US DEO POINTED OUT THAT OTHER NEGOTIATIONS AND AUGUST VACATIONS WOULD NOT PERMIT NEXT ROUND UNTIL EARLY FALL. US DEL SUGGESTED NEXT ROUND IN WASHINGTON SINCE SIRILAK PLANNING ATTEND ICAO ASSEMBLY. SIRILAK SAID COULD NOT

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BE OUTSIDE COUNTRY FOR LONG PERIOD BECAUSE OF ANTICIPATED

FALL ELECTIONS. TWO DELS AGREED TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY
SEPTEMBER TALKS AND KEEP IN TOUCH THROUGH EMBASSY.

4. IN AFTERNOON SESSION US DEL TABLED NEW COMPOSITE ROUTE
PROPOSAL (US DOC. 4) INCLUDING FOR THAILAND, THAILAND VIA
INTERMEDIATE POINTS TO HONOLULU, LOS ANGELES OR SAN
FRANCISCO OR SEATTLE, GUAM AND PAGO PAGO AND BEYOND TO
CANADA AND EUROPE, WITH FOOTNOTES ON HONOLULU MANDATORY
AND CAB-RECOMMENDED LIMITATIONS ON GUAM AND PAGO PAGO.
FOR US, US VIA INTERMEDIATE POINTS TO BANGKOK AND BEYOND.

5. THAI DEL SAID US PROPOSAL COMPLETELY UNSATISFACTORY,
PARTICULARLY ELIMINATION OF NEW YORK AND FAILURE TO GIVE
THAI CARRIERS ADEQUATE ACCESS TO GUAM. US DEL EMPHASIZED
GREAT POTENTIAL VALUE OF THAI FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS AS
COMPARED TO U.S. RIGHTS. SINCE THERE APPEARED NO FLEXIBILITY
ON EITHER SIDE DELS DECIDED TO RECESS DISCUSSION.

6. THAI CHAIRMAN SAID HE WOULD BE UNAVAILABLE TOMORROW BUT
AIR VICE MARSHAL KAIVUL, DGCA, WOULD BE AVAILABLE IF US
DEL WISHED TO HAVE ANOTHER MEETING. HE SAID THERE APPEARED
LITTLE VALUE IN SCHEDULING ANOTHER ROUND SINCE TWO SIDES
WERE SO FAR APART. HE ALSO OPPOSED ANY MEMCON OR JOINT
PRESS STATEMENT. US DEL SAID TWO SIDES SHOULD REFLECT
OVERNIGHT ON DEVELOPMENTS TO SEE WHETHER DELS MIGHT HAVE
ANY NEW IDEAS FOR TOMORROW'S MEETING.

7. COMMENT: SINCE SIRILACK WILL NOT BE PRESENT TOMORROW
DOUBT THAT THAI DEL WILL MOVE IN FINAL SESSION TOMORROW.
ON OTHER HAND NATURE OF TODAY'S DISCUSSIONS SUGGESTS
ROCKY GOING AHEAD IF US SITS ON PRESENT POSITION. WHILE
DOUBT THAT ANY US CONCESSION AT THIS TIME WHICH IS
SUBSTANTIALLY SHORT OF CURRENT THAI PROPOSAL WOULD BRING
HOME AN AGREEMENT, US DEL BELIEVES DESIRABLE TO MAKE SOME
GESTURE IN DIRECTION THAI VIEW IN ORDER PROVIDE INDUCEMENT
TO HAVE ANOTHER ROUND AND KEEP PEACE IN MEANTIME. (EMBASSY STRONGLY
SUPPORTS THIS APPROACH) IN THIS CONNECTION ROUTE CONCESSIONS PROBABLY
MORE MEANINGFUL THAN
CAPACITY. SUGGEST IN ORDER OF ATTRACTIVENESS TO THAI THE
FOLLOWING (A) SOME FORM OF CENTRAL PACIFIC ROUTE TO GUAM, POSSIBLY
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WITH LIMITATIONS ON MANILA-GUAM.
(B) ADDITION OF TAHITI TO SOUTH PACIFIC ROUTE.

(C) INCLUSION OF NEW YORK AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO L.A.
OR S.F. OR SEATTLE. (AS ALTERNATIVE NEW YORK CLEARLY HAS
LITTLE ADDITIONAL VALUE BUT IT MIGHT SERVE AS ENTICEMENT
BY KEEPING NEW YORK SOMEWHERE IN PICTURE.) US DEL
CONTINUES TO FEEL THAT AT LEAST FOR PRESENT US SHOULD NOT

OFFER TOKYO GUAM.

8. ACTION REQUEST: COMMENTS REQUESTED BY OB TUESDAY BANGKOK TIME.
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